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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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n re Application of:

Ham, et al.

Serial No.: 09/522,118

Confirmation No.: 2881

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March 9, 2000

For:

Plural Conduit Replaceable

Outer Support Structure For

Radial Flow System

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 223133-1450

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION UNDER CFR 1.181(a)

Applicants hereby petition to withdraw holding of abandonment of the above referenced application based on the failure to receive the office action.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to the Office Action (the "Action") mailed on July 11, 2003, which set a three month period for reply on October 11, 2003. The abandonment date of this application is January 11, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 23, 2004.

Pursuant to MPEP 711.03(c), the undersigned attorney submits that the Action was not received and attests to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Action was not received. A copy of the docket record where the non-received Action would have been entered, had it been received and docketed, is attached hereto. The docket record shows that no PTO communication was received between April 28, 2003 and March 9, 2004. Please note that some items of the docket

record not essential to the present petition, and which may be considered confidential have been removed.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that this petition be granted and that the Action be remailed.

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